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AGENCIES FIGHT BEETLES, WEEDS

SUPPRESS RESEARCH ON COLORADO BEETLE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 87, 28 Mar 50

The PTNGW (State Research Institute of Rural Economy) in Pulawy has been conducting chemical research on potatoes under Doctor Kwiecinski. In contrast to the French hypothesis that potatoes contain substances which attract the Colorado beetle, Polish scientists are working on substances to repel the insect. The discovery of such a substance could immunize potatoes against their Enemy Number One.

Such research, naturally, involved the experimental breeding of Colorado beetles. Suddenly, an order was received to close down the breeding laboratory within 24 hours on the grounds that the beetles might escape into areas hitherto not infested. The order was carried out, and the research has come to a standstill.

On this principle, all the cultures of bacteria in university laboratories should be destroyed because bacteria might escape and cause an epidemic of cholera, for example.

POMORZE COMBATS POTATO BEETLE -- Zycie Warszawy, No 92, 2 Apr 50

The Plant-Protection Station in Szczecin is preparing to combat the potato beetle by setting up small trapping fields where early potatoes will be raised. These fields will have a twofold purpose, to trap beetles and to acquaint the farmer with the technique of vernalization to produce early potatoes.

Trapping fields have been set up in every village of the townships where the beetle appeared in 1949. In localities where the beetle has been discovered, the farmers will receive beetle-resistant potatoes, free of charge, for further cultivation.

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TREES, PLANTS SPRAYED WITH CHEMICALS -- Dziennik Polski, No 91, 2 Apr 50

In accordance with the program for the protection of orchards and crops, 6,000 kilograms of chemicals have been distributed for spraying purposes. The agriculture and agrarian reform division loaned the communities, without charge, 40 tree spray guns for this activity. Twenty-seven centers for spraying seed grain were also organized.

USE HORMONES AGAINST WEEDS -- Wola Luda, No 52, 21 Feb 50

In 1949, the Agricultural Experimental Station in Fiszewo, near Elblag, Gdansk Wojewodztwo, used a hormone preparation on weeds, with positive results. The lowlands of Gdansk and Elblag are always plagued with weeds after floods. Weeds such as thistle, wolf's milk, wild pellitory, etc., if sprayed with hormone preparation, are effectively destroyed within 2 weeks without harming grains such as rye, wheat, barley, and oats. Grasses are most difficult to eradicate even with a stronger solution.

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